

CO-OPERATION.

Much is being said now about co-operation. At the Chamber of Commerce banquet cooperation was the general theme and the speakers landed this inevitable something as a panacea for the evils of the times and as the rock stone upon which to build a great city at Snyder and develop the unbounded resources of Scurry county. I am sure each went from the banquet board with the word ringing in his soul and resolved that he would be one to act accordingly and hence convert this slowly developing section of Texas into a paradise for all who may come. These beautiful speeches and this sense of fellowship certainly is necessary but I am persuaded that the average man does not fully comprehend what co-operation means in the fullest sense.

It is one thing to get together and another to stick. The history of the world is replete with examples of both the effects of cooperation and the lack of it. The Greeks who faithfully rallied in the banner of Alexander and blindly followed him were able to turn back the tide of Persian invasion and build upon the sunny shores of India the greatest civilization the world had ever seen. The Romans under the superb leadership of their Cæsars and their Emperors had overthrown the inhabitants of Hannibal and at the same time saved from the vandals the sacred altars of her founders. Charlemagne organized a most powerful empire and the implicit confidence of the people in following his leadership converted the barren plains of the north into strong empires. The faith of her people in Alfred established on Britain shores a civilization far above the empires preceding and the patriotic devotion to her purposes have made the British master of the world.

Washington and his compatriots followed by the American soldier in the ranks outwitted and out fought the British regulars and pointed upon the rock bound coast of a new continent the greatest empire of the age.

Great questions of state have been settled before the American people to settle. These questions have been settled in the light of the wisdom of the ages past and with an eye single to the promotion of human justice.

Germany has demonstrated to the world a most superb example of co-operation. She has in her few years of history advanced the world with her advancement in science and art. She rules in the world of music and poetry. She not only has developed along the line of the aesthetic but she has advanced in a material way beyond the conceptions of her admirers. So strong in military power that she is able to hold her own when the world is clutching at her throat.

But there are certain elements in all this co-operation too often missing. In instance are the leaders self appointed or selfish. When ambition has dominated the leader, failure has resulted as for example in the case of Napoleon. All real leaders are dominated by the spirit of desire to serve their followers. Behold our immortal Washington who amid the snows of Valley Forge daily communed with his Maker and with his own hands attended the soldiers of his courageous army. While it is true that the leaders of European countries are hereditary yet all of them who have succeeded have been real benefactors to their races. Hence if we are to succeed we must have men chosen by the people and not self-appointed. Men who are unselfish and altruistic should be placed at the head of our affairs. In Europe the people can not choose. In America we can and since we do so let us be careful to choose the best for our leaders. Then it should ever be the purpose of those who lead to serve the masses and not the classes. When proper leaders have been found then cooperation means that the private in the ranks should follow. Not complaining and criticizing but cheerful and free. The great financial and industrial institutions are best examples of the effects of cooperation and a study of them will measure the methods by which they succeed. When Standard Oil Company sends out a rate sheet raising or lowering the price of oil or gas the agents never ask any questions why. They proceed to get the price required by the company. Just such co-operation is essential to the building of a city. The leaders in their wisdom propose certain measures and if we are to succeed all the private who are but agents must act on this suggestion. I think obedience to superiors is as essential to success in city building as in incorporation building. Hence I urge that every citizen of Snyder who has an interest in her growth at once put away his little hammer and put on

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First organization—then wisdom in laying out policies—then willing obedience on the part of the privates to the ranks. Give us this full co-operation and see Snyder take her place as the great city of the boundless West. Give us cooperation to the fullest extent.

A BANQUET.

ROB STRAYHORN FOR DISTRICT CLERK

Mr. Rob Strayhorn comes into the Signal's announcement column this week as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Scurry county, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Strayhorn has been reared in Scurry county and has an extensive and favorable acquaintance. After finishing in the Snyder High School, he completed his educational preparation for life at Trinity University and is a young man of good education and pleasing personality.

He made a good race for District Clerk two years ago and though he failed then to land, he took his defeat like a brave man and has waited for another occasion to ask the people for this same job.

Rob is a straightforward, honorable young man, with a laudable ambition to do something worth while and if elected he will take a pride in doing his official duties right.

Give his claims and qualifications due consideration. He will appreciate your support and will make good.

New Heating Furnaces in Church

The installation of the heating plant at the Methodist church is now almost completed. The big double boiler located in the basement gives the place the appearance of a factory boiler room and the warmth from this machinery is sent into the sanctuary and renders the auditorium comfortable in any sort of cold weather.

Prisoner Drives Own Car. When they had arrested the men they had one car more on hand than they had experienced drivers and they proceeded to chain one of the prisoners to the steering wheel of one of the cars and have him bring it in. When they passed through Tuesday dinner with the stolen car and the man who felled was staying with his job master of the theft. The officers had to do their service.



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